

Application No.: 10/675,136
Amendment dated March 12, 2008
Response to Office action dated January 14, 2008

Amendments to the Drawings:

Attached: Replacement Drawings

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicant acknowledges, with thanks, the office action dated January 14, 2008, and completion of the personal interview of March 4, 2008. The Examiner's observations and suggestions are much appreciated and are summarized herein.

The Examiner's consideration of the references listed in the Information Disclosure Statement submitted on September 30, 2003, is noted with appreciation. Claims 1, 3-10, and 12-18 are currently pending.

The Examiner objected to the drawings, as they did not include a reference numeral mentioned in the specification. The applicants have amended Figure 2 to include reference character 200. As such, this objection should be overcome.

Claims 4-9, 13-18, 22-25, and 29-32 were objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(a) as failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention or discovery. Applicants have amended claims 4-9 and 13-18 as suggested by the Examiner. Claims 22-25 and 29-32 have been cancelled.

Claims 1-32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the claimed invention lacks patentable utility as they do not produce a tangible result. Independent claims 1 and 10 have been amended to provide that an image is generated on a display which includes a rendering from the font images. Claims 19-32 have been cancelled. As such, this rejection should be overcome.

Claims 19-32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 19-32 have been cancelled.

Claims 1-32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,533,174 to Flowers, Jr. et al. (*hereinafter*, "Flowers"). In view of the amendments and arguments set forth below, it is submitted that all pending claims are patentably distinct over the art of record.

The subject application is directed to a system and method for networked font rendering. Vector data representative of a vector based font is acquired, and at least a portion of the vector based font is rendered to generate font images corresponding thereto, which are then stored in a networked memory. A font request is received from a web browser via at least one networked

workstation, and the presence of a rendered font in the memory is determined in accordance with the received font request. Operation of the rendering is commenced upon a determination by the testing step that no font image corresponding to the font request is present in the memory, and the font images are selectively communicated from the memory to the at least one networked workstation to generate document print data in accordance with a request from the at least one networked workstation so as to generate an image on a display of the at least one networked workstation, including a rendering from the font images.

Flowers is directed to a network font server which supplies font data to networked devices for use in rendering. Unlike Flowers, the subject application receives a request for a font via a networked web browser. If a requested font is not available, a server renders a font and displays it on a workstation. Once a requested font has been rendered by the server, it is stored for future use. Thus unlike Flowers, which renders fonts for each request, the subject application provides distinct advantages. First, fonts do not need to be rendered each time they are requested, only a first time that they are requested. Second, only fonts that are needed are rendered and stored. Thus, storage requirements are lessened relative to storage of any rendered font that might be required.

Amendment to each of independent claims 1 and 10 has been made to further emphasize the novel aspects over the art of record. By virtue of this amendment, all claims now include limitations relative to rendering and storing of fonts pursuant to a request from a workstation. Once rendered, fonts are available for future use. Accordingly, each claim now includes limitations not disclosed in Flowers, which limitations provide advantageous balancing of quick response and lessened storage requirements for font information.

In accordance with the afore-noted amendments and comments, it is submitted that all claims are patentably distinct over the art and in condition for allowance thereover. An early allowance of all claims is respectfully requested.

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If there are any fees necessitated by the foregoing communication, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0902, referencing our Docket No. 66329/31246.

Respectfully submitted,

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